AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for organizing and displaying items for a user interface, the method comprising:

~~providing~~ displaying a plurality of three-dimensional items, each three-dimensional item representing user information; and

arranging the three-dimensional items around a perimeter of a given geometric shape forming, ~~wherein the perimeter forms~~ a portion of a closed area such that the three-dimensional items are positioned along the perimeter and are capable of being rotated around the perimeter, wherein ~~and~~ the three-dimensional items include a focus item and at least one peripheral item adjacent the focus item.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a peripheral item adjacent the focus item on each side of the focus item.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising arranging at least one background item adjacent the peripheral item.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein arranging the three-dimensional items along a perimeter comprises arranging the three-dimensional items along an arc of an ellipse.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein arranging the three-dimensional items along a perimeter comprises ~~comprising~~ arranging the three-dimensional items along an arc of a circle.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising scaling the focus item to a first set width and scaling each peripheral item to a second set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising scaling the focus item to a first set width, scaling each peripheral item to a second set width, and scaling each background item to a third set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width and the second set width is greater than the third set width.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising rotating the items around the perimeter upon receiving a user request.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the user request comprises selection of the peripheral item, and rotating the items includes rotating the focus item to a peripheral position thereby causing the focus item to become a new peripheral item and the peripheral item to a focus position thereby causing the peripheral item to become a new focus item.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying metadata relevant to the focus item and each peripheral item.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein rotating the items comprises computing a starting point angle, computing an ending point angle, and interpolating between the computed angles.

12.   (Original) A computer readable medium storing executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

13.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computerized</u> system for organizing and displaying information to a user, the system comprising:

item controls for displaying a plurality of three-dimensional items, each three-dimensional item providing access to information;

orientation controls for arranging the items around a perimeter <u>of a given geometric shape</u> that forms a portion of a closed area<u>, the three-dimensional items being positioned along the perimeter and capable of being rotated around the perimeter</u>; and

scalability controls for scaling a focus item to have a first set width and at least one peripheral item to have a second set width smaller than the first set width.

14.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the item controls position a first peripheral item adjacent the focus item on a first side and a second peripheral item adjacent the focus item on a second side.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the item controls arrange at least one background item adjacent the peripheral item.

16.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein <u>the</u> perimeter comprises an elliptical arc.

17.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the perimeter comprises a circular arc.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the scalability controls further comprise means for scaling the focus item to a first set width and scaling each peripheral item to a second set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the scalability controls further comprise means for scaling the focus item to a first set width, scaling each peripheral item to a second set width, and scaling each background item to a third set width, wherein the first set width is greater than the second set width and the second set width is greater than the third set width.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising a rotation control module for rotating the items around the perimeter upon receiving a user request.

21.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the user request comprises selection of the peripheral item, and the rotation control module rotates the focus item to a peripheral position thereby causing the focus item to become a new peripheral item and the peripheral item to a focus position thereby causing the peripheral item to become a new focus item.

22.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising information display controls for displaying metadata relevant to the focus item and each peripheral item.

23.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising view change controls for altering an appearance of an item upon a change in item status.

24.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the perimeter comprises a triangular border.

25.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the perimeter comprises a rectangular border.